



Department of Energy
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc.

Project No. 13124-003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND APPLICANT-PREPARED EA ACCEPTED FOR
FILING, SOLICITING MOTIONS TO INTERVENE AND PROTESTS, AND
SOLICITING COMMENTS, AND FINAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS,
RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PRESCRIPTIONS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application and applicant-prepared environmental assessment has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Major License
- b. Project No.: P-13124-003
- c. Date filed: August 30, 2011
- d. Applicant: Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: Allison Creek Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On Allison Creek, near the Town of Valdez, Alaska
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 USC 791 (a) - 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Robert A. Wilkinson, CEO, Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc., P.O. Box 45, Mile 187 Glenn Highway Glennallen, AK 99588, (907) 822-3211
- i. FERC Contact: Kim A. Nguyen, kim.nguyen@ferc.gov, (202) 502-6105
- j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, and final terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact

information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The Allison Creek Project consists of: (1) a 16-foot-high, 95-foot-wide concrete gravity diversion structure spanning Allison Creek with a 50-foot-wide spillway section; (2) a screen intake; (3) a 42-inch-diameter, 500-foot-long buried and 7,200-foot-long surface steel penstock; (4) a 65 foot x 65 foot powerhouse with one 6.5-megawatt turbine/generating unit; (5) a permanent 550-foot-long access road to the powerhouse; (6) a 3.8-mile-long, 34.5-kilovolt transmission line connecting to the Copper Valley switching station near the Petro Star facility along Dayville Road; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The average annual generation is estimated to be 23.3 gigawatt-hours.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date.

Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

o. A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Dated: December 9, 2011

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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